MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on March 30, 2007 at 3:30 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:
            Hearing: SB 414,SB 422, HB 840
    Executive Action: SB 422, SB 251, SB 222
                      SB 414, HB 840, SB 122
                      SB 463

HEARING ON SB 422

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:51   Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on
           SB 422, Revise law on wrappers on logging trucks and
           trailers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:57   Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
EXHIBIT(trh68a01)
00:06:04   Barry (Spook) Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association
           (MMCA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:38   Rep. Hilbert
00:06:43   Mr. Todhunter
00:07:21   Rep. Sonju
00:07:30   Mr. Todhunter
00:08:37   Rep. Hilbert

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:57   Rep. Gebhardt

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 422

00:10:31   **Motion**: Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 422 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:10:48   Rep. Arntzen
00:11:16   Rep. Sonju

00:11:39   **Vote**: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep.
           Wiseman and Rep. Kottel voted by proxy. Rep.
           Vincent will carry the bill on the house floor.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 251

00:12:29   **Motion**: Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 251 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:12:44 Andrew Geiger
00:13:38 Rep. Arntzen

00:14:18 **Vote**: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
          Rep. Kottel and Rep. Wiseman voted by proxy. Rep.
          Arntzen will carry the bill on the house floor.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 222

00:15:09 **Motion**: Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 222 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:15:35 **Motion**: Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 222 BE AMENDED**.
          EXHIBIT(trh68a02)

Discussion:

00:16:03 Andrew Geiger
00:17:04 Rep. Furey
00:17:25 Rep. Sonju
00:17:31 Andrew Geiger
00:17:48 Rep. Hilbert

00:17:58 **Vote**: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
          Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Kottel voted by proxy.

00:18:18 **Motion**: Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 222 BE CONCURRED IN
          AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:18:26 Rep. Malcolm
00:18:51 Rep. Hilbert
00:19:40 Andrew Geiger
00:20:27 Rep. Malcolm
00:20:45 Rep. Arntzen
00:20:55 Rep. Nooney
00:21:14 Rep. Arntzen

00:21:29 **Vote**: Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Rep. Sonju
          voting no. Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Kottel voted by
          proxy. Rep. Wiseman will carry the bill on the house
          floor.

HEARING ON SB 414

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:17 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 414, Clarify application of motor carrier law in certain cities and towns.
EXHIBIT(trh68a03)
EXHIBIT(trh68a04)
EXHIBIT(trh68a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:46 Doug Sparrow, City, County Sanitation
00:31:24 Gordon Giulio, Lolo Disposal Service
00:32:46 Roger Bridgeford, Montana Waste Systems
00:33:32 Chad Bauer, Allied Waste
00:33:42 Gary Spaeth, Montana Solid Waste Contractors Association
00:34:59 Barry (Spook) Stang, MMCA

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:35:50 Robin McHugh, Public Service Commission

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:17 Rep. MacLaren
00:36:27 Sen. Laslovich

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:10 Sen. Laslovich
          Rep. Wiseman arrived

HEARING ON HB 840

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:17 Rep. Edward Hilbert (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 840, Revise license plate laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:57 Cory Swanson, Citizens for Balanced Use
00:46:03 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Snowmobile Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:49:33 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:05 Rep. Sonju
00:56:09 Mr. Roberts, MVD
00:56:31 Rep. Arntzen
00:57:00 Rep. Hilbert
00:57:45 Rep. Nooney
00:58:03 Rep. Hilbert

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:26 Rep. Hilbert

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 414

01:00:08 **Motion/Vote**: Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 414 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 840

01:01:30 **Motion**: Rep. Hilbert moved that **HB 840 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:01:44 Rep. MacLaren
01:01:53 Rep. Hilbert

01:02:10 **Vote**: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kottel voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 122

01:02:52 **Motion**: Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 122 BE CONCURRED IN**.

01:03:08 **Substitute Motion/Vote**: Rep. MacLaren made a substitute motion that **SB 122 BE TABLED**. Substitute motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Furey, Rep. Kottel, Rep. Wilson, and Rep. Wiseman voting no. Rep. Kottel and Rep. Wiseman voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 463

01:05:00   **Motion**: Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 463 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:05:22   **Substitute Motion/Vote**: Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 463 BE TABLED.** Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Hilbert, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. Nooney, and Rep. Sonju voting aye. Rep. Kottel and Rep. Wiseman voted by proxy.

Discussion:

01:07:42   Rep. Malcolm
01:08:26   Rep. Nooney
01:08:40   Rep. Sonju
01:10:05   Rep. MacLaren
01:10:41   Rep. Furey
01:11:24   Rep. Sonju

01:11:34   **Vote**: Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Furey, Rep. Kottel, Rep. Malcolm, Rep. Wilson, and Rep. Wiseman voting aye. Rep. Kottel and Rep. Wiseman voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

01:12:07 Adjournment

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REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

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KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT([trh68aad.pdf](trh68aad.pdf))